

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph at page 7, line 29 of the original specification with the following replacement paragraph.

Figures 9A-9C shows homologies of human ~~IGFBPs 1 to 7~~ IGFBP-1 (SEQ ID NO:7), IGFBP-2 (SEQ ID NO:9), IGFBP-3 (SEQ ID NO:11), IGFBP-4 (SEQ ID NO:13), IGFBP-5 (SEQ ID NO:15), IGFBP-6 (SEQ ID NO:17) and IGFBP-7 (SEQ ID NO:19).

Please replace the paragraph at page 9, lines 22-30 of the original specification with the following replacement paragraph:

Human IGF-I polypeptide is expressed *in vivo* as IGF-IA or IGF-IB (*i.e.*, alternately spliced IGF-I). Thus, the amino acid sequence of human IGF-IA polypeptide is represented as SEQ ID NO:2 and the amino acid sequence of human IGF-IB polypeptide is represented as SEQ ID NO:3. The amino acid sequence of human IGF-II polypeptide is represented as SEQ ID NO:4. The amino acid sequences of human IGFBP-1, IGFBP-2, IGFBP-3, IGFBP-4, IGFBP-5, IGFBP-6 and IGFBP-7 polypeptides are represented as SEQ ID NO:7, SEQ ID NO:9, SEQ ID NO:11, SEQ ID NO:13, SEQ ID NO:15, SEQ ID NO:17 and SEQ ID NO:19, respectively. The amino acid sequence of human ALS polypeptide is represented as SEQ ID NO:21.